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Dear Mr. and Mrs. REDACTED:

Monsignor Curry sent to me, as the Provincial of the South-West Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross, and to Sister REDACTED, as Director of Maryvale, a copy of your letter to Cardinal Mahoney of April 10, 1992. I read the letter with deepest concern for your family and immediately began reviewing the records of the Brothers of Holy Cross to familiarize myself with events which transpired at Maryvale in 1983.

I believe that Maryvale has already provided you with a summary of those events, as well as the findings of the Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services. One fact should be added. Shortly after allegations of misconduct were raised, Brother Larry Sandstrom temporarily left Maryvale to ensure that neither his position nor his presence would affect the investigation. Beyond this, there is little I can add since the investigation was conducted by the civil authorities.

There is, however, one matter raised in your letter which I can address. I am able to give you assurance that there is little or no risk Brother Larry Sandstrom will abuse children. This is not absolute assurance, but it is as much assurance as life affords. Brother Larry Sandstrom is now 53 years old. He has been a Brother of Holy Cross since 1959. Neither before nor since he held his position at Maryvale has there been any reason to suspect sexual misconduct nor has there ever been any accusation of sexual misconduct against him. His behavioral pattern has been and continues to be normal.

I shall continue to pray for guidance in dealing fairly with your concerns and with Brother Larry Sandstrom. Our prayers are with you as you continue to struggle, as loving parents, with a very difficult family situation.

Sincerely yours,

Brother Donald Blauvelt, C.S.C.

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cc: Rev. Msgr. Thomas Curry
Sister REDACTED